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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1635





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PATENT

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In re Application of: Fujise et al.

Serial No.: 10/021,753

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For: Methods and Compositions Relating to

Fortilin, an Anti-Apoptotic Molecule, and

Modulators of Fortilin

Group Art Unit: 1635

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I. AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; AND II. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 3, 2005

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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated March 3, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is June 3, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Account No.: 50-1212/UTSH:251US.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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